

**Table 2.38-- CHARACTERISTICS OF MARRIAGES AND DIVORCES:
1998 TO 2001**

[Place of occurrence basis]

| Subject | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 |
|--------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| MARRIAGES | | | | |
| Number | 20,974 | 23,067 | 25,376 | 24,477 |
| Percent on Oahu | 45.7 | 44.4 | 42.7 | 44.1 |
| Percent Hawaii residents: | | | | |
| Both bride and groom | 38.2 | 36.7 | 33.3 | 34.1 |
| One partner only | 3.5 | 3.2 | 3.0 | 3.2 |
| Neither bride nor groom | 58.3 | 60.0 | 63.7 | 62.7 |
| Not reported 1/ | - | - | <0.1 | - |
| Median age (years): | | | | |
| Groom | 33 | 33 | 33 | 33 |
| Bride | 30 | 30 | 30 | 31 |
| Percent previously married: | | | | |
| Groom | 38.8 | 39.0 | 38.0 | 38.3 |
| Bride | 39.5 | 39.6 | 38.7 | 38.7 |
| DIVORCES AND ANNULMENTS | | | | |
| Number | 4,919 | 4,620 | 4,716 | 4,857 |
| Divorces | 4,899 | 4,611 | 4,704 | 4,845 |
| Annulments | 17 | 5 | 12 | 12 |
| Not reported | 3 | 4 | - | - |
| Percent occurring on Oahu | 73.9 | 72.7 | 74.0 | 74.2 |
| Percent Hawaii residents: | | | | |
| Both partners | 74.3 | 74.7 | 75.5 | 75.0 |
| One partner only | 24.4 | 23.6 | 22.8 | 23.5 |
| Neither partner | <0.1 | <0.1 | <0.1 | <0.1 |
| Not reported 1/ | 1.3 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 1.5 |
| Median age (years): | | | | |
| Husband | 37 | 38 | 38 | 38 |
| Wife | 35 | 36 | 36 | 36 |
| Percent interracial 2/ | 2/ 42.4 | 2/ 43.7 | 2/ 45.1 | 3/ 49.4 |
| Percent with children under 18 years | 49.5 | 51.8 | 51.1 | 50.6 |
| Median years married | 6.8 | 7.2 | 7.4 | 7.5 |

1/ Couples where the residence of one or more partners is unknown.

2/ For these calculations, divorces where both husband and wife are in the "Part Hawaiian" or "Other races" categories are classified as non-interracial.

3/ Definition of "interracial" divorces for this table was changed beginning in 2001. From 2001, divorces where either the husband or wife are "Part Hawaiian" were classified as "interracial" and divorces where the husband or wife were "Other race" were classified as "Unknown." In the years prior to 2001, divorces in which both the husband and wife were "Part Hawaiian" or "Other race" were classified as non-interracial. For 2001, the percent of "interracial" divorces would have been 43.8 (based on the number reporting) if the definition for the years prior to 2001 was used.

Source: Hawaii State Department of Health, *Statistical Report* (annual), and records.